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WATER CONSERVATION UNDER WAY IN NORTHEAST;
RAILROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES

THREE PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION -- Wen-hui Pao, 11 May 49

Three water conservation projects in An-tung and Ku-shan hsiens of Liaoning Province are scheduled to be completed this month. When the Shuang-sh'a River project of Ku-shan, which extends some 20 miles, is completed, more than 1,666 acres of additional land will be available for rice cultivation, while some 2,000 acres of land in the 20 villages along the river will be given protection from floods.

Work on dikes along the Kiao, T'ai-tzu, and Hun rivers was started early this month. Hsin-min Hsien of Liao-hsi Province has mobilized 30,000 men to undertake work at six places along the west bank of the Liao River, for a total length of some 14 miles.

Four hsien in Heilungkiang Province have mobilized some 4,700 peasants to work in nine labor corps to repair dikes along the T'ao-erh River. This project extends more than 33 miles. Upon completion, the flood control project in Sungchiang Province will give protection to more than 20,000 acres of paddyland. Similar work on the Ch'ao-le River in Inner Mongolia was completed in March.

TA-T'UNG--CHANG-CHIA-K'OU RAILROAD RESTORED -- Hua-shang Pao, 5 May 49

Rail service between Ta-t'ung and Chang-shia-k'ou (Kalgan) was fully restored on 2 May 1949. As soon as Ta-t'ung was liberated, the workmen immediately began repairing the tracks of the Pei-p'ing-Suiyuan Railroad so that traffic could be resumed. By 3 May the traffic between Ta-t'ung and Tsing-chen in Suiyuan Province was restored. At present trains are running west from Ta-t'ung as far as Cho-tu-shan in Suiyuan Province.

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